

Hoover PTA Meeting

Wednesday, September 20 @ 6:30pm

Agenda

Attendees: Jennifer Boal (President), Dr. Nicci Giehll (2nd VP), Megan Criswell (VP), Chelsea Farrell (Historian), Anthony Puzzini (Treasurer), Tara Lavy, Claire Biggs, Jamie Purupati, Amanda Benedict, Angela Nelson, Olivia Frye, Justin Pentland, Justin Hutzley, Carissa Monaco, Justin Pentland, Shayna Bodi, Tawny Toole, Myla Ruiz, Ms. Anita Schuler (Teacher representative)

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance *Jennifer Boal*

II. Approval of Minutes *Jennifer Boal (Dr. Giehll 1st approval; Tara Lavy 2nd)*

III. Correspondence *Anthony Puzzini*

IV. Executive Committee Reports

A. President *Jennifer Boal*

- a. Bylaw Discussion & Voting - Voted and approved by all in attendance.
- b. Historian Appointment - Chelsea Farrell is finishing out Marie's term, and we will vote officially for a new term at the end of this year.
- c. Events Recap: Welcome Back - PTA provided Totopo dinner for the staff on Meet & Greet night; Playdates on the Playground - K-5 with popsicles and parents; Picture Day - Jess Edelson chaired and it went well; Family Fall Night - was a great night with perfect weather - we are looking for volunteers next year; Spirit Wear - Shannon Harpst chaired and we made over \$200 (doesn't cost us anything to do). ? Can we do it again in the spring?
- d. Homeroom Coordinators - we have new co chairs for next year. Having a virtual meeting this year to bring everyone back on the same page. We provide the activities for the parties in an effort to provide equity across the rooms and make things easier for parents.
- e. Committee Open Positions - Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion - new initiative - looking for someone to help shape this and move it forward at Hoover and at the district level

B. 2nd Vice President *Dr. Nicci Giehll* - Coffee and Kleenex for K went well. Kids went in happily and are adjusting well. Picture day was a success Great photographer who photographed everyone before lunch. Playdates after school were well attended - we may make some adjustments for next year. Good time to welcome new families and meet people. Fall Family Night - gaga ball pit was unveiled ... inflatables were put up on the grass and it ended up working out well. No incidents that evening which was great. PBIS Reboot - the staff received Hoover tshirts #hawkosome. Kids are also getting tshirts as they move through the PBIS program. Field Trips - all classes are back to participating in field trips after we took a hiatus during covid. 5th is going to Lutherlyn. 2nd is Mt. Lebo Walking Tour. K is going to Simmons. 1st is going to Raccoon Creek State Park. PTA helps to pay for ½ the cost of all the field trips. Readathon and Spooky Story Night are coming up next. K doesn't go to Spooky Story night bc of the AM/PM split. Benchmark Assessments are underway. MAP tests in the fall, winter, spring. K isn't assessed until the winter. Overall concepts tested. AIMS web is another screening tool

used to test more specific concepts. PASS survey - social and emotional screening. Safety updates - bus evacuation drills 1st-5th grade. When K goes to Simmons they will get the evacuation drill, too. Every month there is a fire or safety drill. Protocols have changed over the years ... the district has a very close relationship with our first responders. If the fire alarm goes off, you have to wait and assess the situation and then take action. Safety Week - repetition not realism. We talk about it but don't simulate traumatic events. Evacuation drills from now until Halloween ... Active shooter drills are practiced. Go Zone Safety, Walking Safety, Playground Safety. Hoover is as prepared as possible. PBIS reboot - Respectful, Safe, Prepared. It's been implemented for the past 8 years. It's a strategy - positive behavior reinforcement. We try to be specific - what does it look like to do these things? We recognize these behaviors when they are happening through earning tickets (10 needed for an individual and when a class as a group hits 30 tickets they get to spin the wheel of prizes - show and tell, extra recess, bring in a stuffed animal etc.) and sign the Book of Honor with a feather pen. Mrs. Schuler voiced much appreciation for the work of the PTA.

- C. 1st Vice President *Megan Criswell* - Encouraged newer parents to get involved
- D. Treasurer *Anthony Puzzeni*
 - a. Presentation of the 23-24 Budget - we are back to operating as a normal non-profit. We do not have a surplus of money. During COVID, money piled up because there was nothing to spend it on. Last year we spent down the balance so there is a real need to fundraise this year. We are not allowed to carry large balances as a nonprofit - we bought the sunshade, gaga pit, every teacher received \$100 to spend in the classroom. We are properly budgeted for this year and we will make sure that our kids get all of the experiences. Each year in the spring we present how we plan to spend the budget, but it's a fluid conversation throughout the year.
- E. Secretary *Ashley Hauck*
- F. Historian - Announcing Chelsea Farrell as historian for 2023-2024. We are focusing on updating materials that detail how we run our events. If you chair a committee please pass along information to the next people taking over. It's a great roadmap to use.
- G. Follow ups from last meeting – Last year we had a request for child care, so we are now implementing it at the meetings. Highschoolers will be in the library with the kids during the meeting. Reflections is a statewide PTA initiative that we are trying to bring alive at Hoover - looking for a chair - winner in each category from each school in the district. Art and music competition. The theme is "I am hopeful because..."

V. Committee Reports

- A. PTA Audit for 2022-2023 (Stephanie Spier, Sara Bianco, Ryan Bianco) - Audit is looking good. No issues found.
- B. Library Committee (Amanda Benedict) - Spooky Story Night, Wednesday October 25-26. Snacks of pretzels and fruit. Crafts and stories. Counts toward readathon. Amanda will come up with the crafts and supplies and volunteers will carry it out. Novel effect app - adds music and sounds to books. Book fair - May 13-17. Need volunteers. Help our shelf - wish list of books for library (plaque of dedication in the books). Book Break - virtual author visit sponsored by PTA \$1,175. Do we have an angel fund for the book fair?? Yes - Mrs. Macosko handles it. Last year we covered \$130 worth of books. We will send a preview of items home before the fair. We can add an option for families to send extra money in for kids who may need help buying books. We are looking at bringing in cheaper priced books this year. Scholastic also offers a BOGO plan we can look into. Dr. Giehl recommends doing a book fair during open house/conferences.

- C. Read-a-Thon (Jill Stephey & Amanda Byerly) - big fundraiser for us.
- D. 5th Grade Activities (Becki Campanaro) - traditionally a very busy and exciting year for kids. Specialfield trip, pool party, banquet. All funded through PTA but this year we are asking families to contribute.
- E. Spirit Wear Sale (Shannon Harpst) - see above.
- F. Bake Sale (TBD) - we are looking for a new chair. Older voters are really looking forward to this. Olivia Frye is heading it up this year with Angela Nelson to assist.
- G. Fundraising (Chelsea Farrell) Cupcake Sale - Le Cupcake Shoppe decorate your own cupcakes that are halloween themed (\$25 a box - we get \$5 per box) Anyone can order - it's not only for Hoover! Pick up at Hoover Oct 26-27) or at her shop. We need to spread the information; KONA Ice - we will communicate to families the cost so they are prepared. Best to be on the blacktop. Read-a-Thon - new committee (raise money while doing some really fun things for our kids). 2 fall events based on food and 1 big new event for us (family bingo night in January).
- H. Halloween Parade & Parties (Jennifer Boal) - No more Valentine's Day party - moving to a spring party because the kids already get a bunch of valentines. Halloween party is on Halloween.
- I. Campus Beautification/Hoover Garden/Environmental Initiatives (Shayna Bodi) - Changing name to Environmental Initiatives ... Shayna sits on the larger community board. October 14 planting of the fall garden. Lots of volunteers helped to water the garden this summer. Teachers
- J. Spelling Bee (Andrea Adams, Maria Koschik) - will be submitting our application this upcoming week for 2024.

VI. Open Topics for Discussion

VII. Adjournment – 8:05 pm. Megan Criswell adjourned; Tara Lavy second.